

2013 Reader Reviews

Book Read (Or Listened To)	Author	Comments
1st to Die	James Patterson	Fast read, but many twists and turns. Not comparable to Richard North Patterson with the research and characterization, but still enjoyed it.
206 Bones	Kathy Reichs	206--the number of bones in the human body. Good mysteries and educational also!
50 Shades of Grey	E.L. James	The book was a lot more graphic than I expected but it definitely kept my interest. I was disappointed in the ending but I'm on the list for book 2.
Against Medical Advice: A True Story	James Patterson and Hal Friedman	This is a must read book. It's about a young boy named Cory at age 4 who has Tourettes and OCD. He meets other kids, younger and older, who have similar or other symptoms through his countless doctor and hospital visits.
Alex Cross	James Patterson	Excellent read.
Alternate, The	John Martel	A good story with an interesting twist. A little predictable if you pay attention.
Bad Habits	Jenny McCarthy	I enjoyed this book. Funny, witty and I just wanted to keep reading it.
Being George Washington	Glenn Beck	I was pleasantly surprised to find that the book went beyond the usual "fluff" story. Although much of it was conjecture, it was based on researched evidence.
Bel Canto	Ann Patchett	Liked the premise. Was slow moving in parts.
Bite Me	Christopher Moore	Tried to read a few chapters. Very..."interesting."
Black Box, The	Michael Connelly	I like Connelly's books a lot and this was no exception. Very good story that all comes together at the end.
Black House, The	Peter May	Even though it is a mystery, it portrays human beings realistically.
Blue Last, The	Martha Grimes	Excellent!
Blue Orchard, The	Jackson Taylor	I really liked this book. Based on true events the author interviewed 300 people before writing. Also the book speaks of the Depression, the rich, poor, stockmarket collapse, and is still a novel.
Calico Joe	John Grisham	Even if you "hate" baseball, you will love this book. If you ever had an "issue" with a parent, you need to read this book.
Calling Invisible Women	Jeanne Ray	Read it in one day!
Carry the One	Carol Anshaw	Excellent.
Charlotte Figg Takes Over Paradise	Joyce Magnin Moccero	This is a VERY funny book. My neighbor gave it to me to read, and now I've given it to my mom to read, and we're all enjoying it! It is very different from anything I've read before--very unusual storyline, plot, characters, and events. Every page presents something new! It's a hoot to read! :)
Children With Tourettes Syndrome: A Parent's Guide	Tracy Haerle	A very encouraging well written book about Tourettes syndrome for parents. The most helpful book on the subject I've found.
Christmas Wedding, The	James Patterson	When you lose the one that you love unexpectedly, you think you will never find love again. But when you do, you will do everything you can to hold on to that love.
Clash of Kings	George R.R. Martin	Great details. Very engaging book and an awesome read.

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Color Purple, The	Alice Walker	It's about a woman (Celie) who was forced to marry a man she did not love and to raise his five children. In the end Cecie finally found her voice and courage to leave the abusive man and came into her own.
Cove, The	Ron Rash	Excellent.
Dancing in the Dark	Caryl Phillips	I enjoyed this book very much. Bert Williams was the first black entertainer in the United States to reach the highest levels of fame and fortune.
Day Diana Died, The	Christopher Anderson	This book is heart wrenching, from her July 29th, 1981, storybook wedding to Prince Charles, to her (Diana) August 31, 1997, death in a car crash in Paris, this book will have you in tears from the very first page down to the last. Diana will be and is truly missed. You will remember the People's Princess.
Death in Italy, A	John Follain	It is a hard lesson to learn in life about two immature people who definitely matured.
Debt Cures	Kevin Trudeau	Very informative. Tips on how to handle your outstanding debt.
Diary of Ellen Rimbauer, The	Joyce Reardon	This book tells about a young woman who fell in love with an oil man who had built her a house on a hill and named it Rose Red.
Don't Block the Blessings	Patti LaBelle	It's her struggle to make in in the music business and her fight and knowledge with being a diabetic. It's a book you would want your children to read.
Fatal Voyage	Kathy Reichs	Get through the gore but it's still great!
Feast of Crows, A	George R.R. Martin	Great book that covered Kings Landing and events that happen there.
Fire in the Ashes	Jonathan Kozol	People should not be judgemental towards others in different circumstances. But try and be more open-minded and empathetic towards other people in society.
Forgotten, The	David Baldacci	Good plot-told through the eyes of seven different characters who all come together at the end.
Full Body Burden	Kristen Iversen	It pays to to know about your environment and neighborhood and to be educated.
Gift of Hope: Helping the Homeless, A	Danielle Steel	I have been homeless three times and I wish that there had been someone like Yo Angel to help me and my three kids. Such a wonderful story.
Girlchild	Tupelo Hassman	Unique. Real. Fabulous!
Gone Girl	Gillian Flynn	The book was ok, the ending was a disappointment. I'd have rated it 4 stars if the ending had been good.
Good Peoples	Marcus Major	I enjoyed this book. Good humor novel about love, strength, pride, and machismo.
Grave Secrets	Kathy Reichs	You must sift through the blood and gore and the sadness but as always informative and a great mystery.
Handle With Care	Jodi Picoult	Helped me understand families with disabled children. Ending was "choppy." Not my favorite Picoult book.
Heat Wave	Richard Castle	Castle is one of my favorites. Fast moving--like his lead characters.
Honor Bound	Raffaele Sollecito & Andrew Gumbel	It was great reading about Raffaele's side of the story. While this trial was going on you didn't hear much about the young man involved as well.
Hot As It Was You	Nanci Kincaid	Read it in one day!

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House of Tyneford, The	Natasha Solomons	Beautiful!
I, Michael Bennett	James Patterson & Michael Ledwidge	In his efforts to put away Mexican crime lord Manuel "The Sun King" Perrine, Bennett puts his whole family in grave danger.
In Malice, Quite Close	Brandi Lynn Ryder	Compelling and disturbing. An intense family drama about personal obsession.
Invisible Wall, The	Harry Bernstein	First hundred pages were a little slow but a thought-provoking book.
Josephine Baker Story, The	Ean Wood	This book is heart warming. In 1929 Josephine Baker was born to Carrie McDonald and Sam McDonald. In the time of the Depression at the age of 15 years, she ran away from home and moved to Paris and became the star of La Revue Nègre.
Kill Alex Cross	James Patterson	This book is a page turner. It will keep you wanting more.
Left For Dead	J.A. Jance	Another master (mistress) art of work. Always writes a good book.
Let Love Find You	Johanna Lindsey	Her books are always an enjoyable time. Strong characters with a guaranteed happy ending.
Lincoln Lawyer, The	Michael Connelly	It was alright, but the best part of the book was the ending.
Litigators	John Grisham	John Grisham is a formula writer but I enjoy the formula.
Little Girl Gone	Drusilla Campbell	Excellent.
Little Night	Luanne Rice	I thought this was a very good book. A family has to dig deep into their past in order to build a new future.
Love Brought Me Back	Natalie Cole	This book is something you want to buy. It will make you cry, smile, and jump for joy.
Love in a Nutshell	Janet Evanovich & Dorian Kelly	I really enjoyed this book. It has a lot of romantic suspense and small town antics. Worth reading!
Love, Honor, and Betray	Kimberla Lawson Roby	This was a good book! The sinful past of Reverend Curtis Black makes this book exciting.
Mark of Athena	Rick Riordan	Percy and his friends are fun to follow - they have great, if not quite believable, adventures.
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Merry Christmas, Alex Cross	James Patterson	It was a nice short read. Some parts were slow moving. Not one of his best but still good.
Mob Daughter	Karen Gravano & Lisa Pulitzer	I really enjoyed reading this book. I got to see the life of a Mafia hit man's daughter.
Nano	Robin Cook	Good story - terrible ending.
Never Knowing	Chevy Stevens	Excellent. Hard to put down. Never quite sure how things will turn out. What would you do if you found out you were the child of a serial killer?
Never See Them Again	M. William Phelps	Scary. It's unbelievable that two young people could commit such a crime. Thought provoking.
Nights of Rain and Stars	Maeve Binchy	This is an easy read about grumpy travelers who meet on a small Greek island. It involves tragedy, new love, and emerging friendships.

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Nineteen Minutes	Jodi Picoult	I did enjoy this book. It gives a lot of insight especially to students being bullied but also who could help the families too. Jodi Picoult always does a lot of homework.
No Regrets	Ace Frehley, Joe Leydon, & John	This was a good book about the life of a rock 'n roller. Where he started out and what he's now doing these days.
No Rest For the Dead	Jeff Abbott	Interesting plot and story. It was hard to tell there were 26 authors. I liked the twist at the end too.
No, They Can't	John Stossel	Excellent! Everyone should read this book to see how government is misusing our tax dollars. Almost everything should be privatized!
Not in the Flesh	Ruth Rendell	Rendell's "Wexford" mysteries are unparalleled--unique style. "Can't put 'em down."
Notorious Nineteen	Janet Evanovich	I do enjoy this series. I found it interesting and humorous.
Old Wine Shades,	Martha Grimes	This Richard Jury/Scotland Yard novel lays the framework for the case and the criminal who will vex Jury for
One Dog Night	David Rosenfelt	Great plot, strong characters and fun!
Page From a Tennessee Journal	Francine Thomas Howard	Great!
Paul and Jesus	James D. Tabor	Always controversial, always insightful. I think Tabor has captured Paul's mixture of Jewish Messianic ideas blended and Greco Roman mysticism. He has probably shed light on the inner workings of the mystery cults that have been kept secret so long.
Peach Keeper	Sarah Addison Allen	Not my fave, ok if you like magic and "chick flick material". Good summer read.
Pelican Brief, The	John Grisham	This book is about a young law student who uncovered. A plot to kill to Supreme Court Justices Rosenberg & Jensen with the help of a reporter from the Washington Post Gray Grantham, they are able to get to the truth of why the two judges were murdered.
Pick Your Poison	Leann Sweeney	Fun! Good characters and a good read.
Prodigal Son: a novel	Dean Koontz	Hooked! Reading part two now!
Puppet	Joy Fielding	This well plotted mystery has a surprise twist that I did not see coming as well as some romance. The main character discovers why her mother shot and killed a man who seemed to be a perfect stranger.
Restaurant Man	Joe Bastianich	It was interesting how much success he found with numerous restaurants, and I loved the dirty little secrets of the food service world.
Reversal, The	Michael Connelly	Always great. I am a big fan of his detective novels. The lawyer in this one is just as good!
Rising, The	Tim LaHaye & Jerry B. Jenkins	These books are a great read. You love to read them all. They will keep you turning the pages and you won't want to put them down.
Robert B. Parker's Killing the Blues	Michael Brandman	The death of Robert B. Parker left a huge void in the mystery world. This is the first Jesse Stone novel to be published since Dr. Parker died. It's a fun imitation of the master's work.
Rod The Autobiography	Rod Stewart	Well written and interesting. Not just a list of all he has done. Open and honest which makes it a good book to read.

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Rule of Four, The	Ian Caldwell & Dustin Thamason	Kind of like <i>The Da Vinci Code</i> with lots of puzzles and codes to solve. I liked it.
Sam's Letters to Jennifer	James Patterson	This book will have you crying. It's about a young couple who find each other.
Sarah's Key	Tatiana de Rosnay	About the effects of the round up of Jews in France - 1942. Tragic tale but very poignant. A good movie too.
Secret Keeper, The	Kate Morton	This book is amazing. So well written and moves you along from 1941 forwards and from 2011 backwards.
Sing You Home	Jodi Picoult	I enjoyed it. Talked a lot about musical therapy and how Christianity is not always what it seems.
Sins of the Mother, The	Danielle Steel	Great book! A mother tries to leave her past, balance the present, and make amends with her family.
Slammed: A Novel	Colleen Hoover	I really enjoyed getting to know the characters in the book. It had me laughing and crying.
Strawberry Fields: Central Park's Memorial to John Lennon	Sara Cedar Miller	This book is about a park's rise from despair into beauty, involving peace between countries--very inspiring and full of hope. If you are a history buff it is great as well; it really gives a lot of detailed history of Central park and changes in New York over the last 200 years. fascinating and insightful. (And not a lengthy read)
Summer Rental	Mary Kay Andrews	Pure beach fodder. Characters were likable enough but the plot thin. Easy read but very forgettable.
Summer Sisters	Judy Blume	I have read this book many times-it's kind of an adult "church book" in a way, but deeper. Her characters are so real and so vivid and it really puts you in the place and time of the book, makes you feel very nostalgic. Most women could relate to it, I think.
Summer's Child	Luanne Rice	The novel addresses issues of spousal abuse and women supporting other women. Rice weaves in details about a heart defect called tetralogy of fallot.
Sunless Sea, A	Anne Perry	Always a 5-star author. Victorian times seem to come alive. Learn real historical events through this fictional work.
Tea Time for the Traditionally Built	Alexander McCall Smith	If you loved the HBO series, you'll love this. It features Mma Ramotswe and the #1 Ladies' Detective Agency. She solves the mystery of why a football team keeps losing and helps get Mma Makutsi's fiancé away from an evil woman.
Tenth Circle, The	Jodi Picoult	Read 50 pages and decided I didn't like the characters.
Then Came You	Jennifer Weiner	Another great book by Jennifer Weiner! I couldn't put it down.
Tick Tock	James Patterson	It will keep you in suspense. You won't want to put the book down until you've read the very last page.
Waiting Wives	Donna Moreau	It's a great book. Written well. I enjoyed it very much.
Warmth of Other Suns	Isabel Wilkerson	Wonderful non-fiction account of Afro-American migrations from the oppressive South from approximately 1918-1970.
Water Children, The	Anne Berry	Kind of creepy.
What Really Happened	Rielle Hunter	This book is about John Edward's story from the other woman. I really enjoyed it!
Wheat Belly	W.M. Davis	Interesting theory may help some, not sure if it applies to everyone.

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Whiteout	Ken Follett	A science themed thriller that had me hooked!
Wild	Cheryl Strayed	One brave (and maybe a little crazy) young girl's true adventures as she hikes along on the Pacific Crest Trail.
Winter King	Thomas Penn	Henry VII is often lost in the shadow of his more notorious son and this makes up for it. The book doesn't get bogged down in minutiae and explains a lot about the workings of the Tudor government of the 16th Century.
Winter of Our Discontent, The	John Steinbeck	One of my two favorite books ever. I really enjoy his writing prose and it makes you feel like you are living it too, man or woman.
Wish and a Prayer, A	Beverly Jenkins	Slow start...but glad I didn't give up. (Maybe I should have started with the first book in the series?)
Women of the Cousin's War	Phillipa Gregory et. al.	Excellent info on the people forgotten in the War of the Roses - women. Usually I have a low regard for Gregory's works and the et. al. probably deserve credit for the quality.
Worst Case	James Patterson	This book is something every one should read. It tells how someone you love and care about can be taken from you in an instant.
Worth Fighting For	Lisa Niemi Swayze	This was a great book! Very warm, heartfelt, and sometimes sad. A true love story!
Wuthering Heights	Emily Brontë	A moving, bleak love story set against the wild backdrop of the Yorkshire moors. The characters are so isolated from society their behavior is untamed, and their brutality and passion are larger than life. If you don't like saccharine love stories, read it. Just make sure to refer back occasionally to the family tree at the beginning, or it will be pretty confusing.
You Don't Want to Know	Lisa Jackson	Great book.
Zoo	James Patterson	Worst book he has written.